

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/027,933

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/27/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 45-52, 54-56 + 59-65 SMC 4/5/04
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In response to the Amendment received on January 27, 2004, the examiner has carefully considered the amendments. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claim 53, 57-58 and 66.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed January 27, 2004, with respect to claims 45-66 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 52-57 and 60-61 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Koreltz (5,637,599) has been withdrawn. The rejection of claims 45-46 and 49-51 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al (5,944,707) has been withdrawn. The rejection of claim 62 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hauser et al (4,464,680) has been withdrawn. The prior art made of record fails to expressly teach and/or fairly suggest a method of applying a protective coating to a substrate comprising the method step as outlined by the instantly claimed invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 45-52, 54-56, and 59-65 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for allowance is the steps of applying an acrylic latex primer composition to a substrate and drying then applying a radiation curable coating composition to said dried but uncured primer layer and then curing both layers with ultraviolet radiation, wherein said acrylic latex comprises an ammonium salt of a styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer. The instantly claimed stripper composition is deemed novel in view of the prior art, also. The primary reasons being the n-octylamine, benzyl alcohol and glycolic acid combination in the composition.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

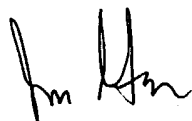
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanza L McClendon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1074. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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